



## INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Board of Directors held on Thursday **12 May 2011** at 09h00 in the Conference Room, Ahoy Centre, **Rotterdam**, The Netherlands

1. **Welcome and opening address:** the President welcomed all members of the Board of Directors to the meeting noting that a new deadline process for visas would be applied for future World Championships as reported at the Annual General Meeting.
2. **Roll call:** the members present were confirmed (see attached list).
3. **Confirmation of the minutes of the BoD held on 28 May 2010 in Moscow, Russia:** the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 28 May 2010 were confirmed and signed.
4. **Annual reports from commissions and working groups:** the Board adopted the following reports:
  - 4.1 Athletes' Commission (document I1)
  - 4.2 Calendar Working Group (document I2)
  - 4.3 Junior Commission (document I3)
  - 4.4 Veterans' Committee (document I4)
  - 4.5 Women's Working Group (document I5)

The Board noted the results of the Athletes' Commission as follows:

Votes cast:	264
Spoilt votes:	5
Percentage vote:	37,24%

*Elected*

SAMSONOV, Vladimir (BLR)	250 votes (94,70%)
JOO, Se Hyuk (KOR)	213 votes (80,68%)
SAIVE, Jean-Michel (BEL)	211 votes (79,92%)
TÓTH, Krisztina (HUN)	207 votes (78,41%)
CARNEROS, Alfredo (ESP)	183 votes (69,32%)

*Not elected*

HENZELL, William (AUS)	180 votes (68,18%)
BEH, Lee Wei (MAS)	76 votes (28,79%)

5. **Appointment of members of commissions and working groups:** the Board approved the appointments of members of the Junior Commission, Veterans' Committee and Women's Working Group.

The Board noted that the Executive Committee had accepted the recommendation from the chairperson of the Calendar Working Group to dissolve the Working Group and had transferred the function to the Competition Department provided that there was close liaison with the continental associations, unions and federations.

The Board noted that, following the election results for the Athletes' Commission; the Executive Committee would meet to appoint the remaining 5 members balancing gender and continental representation.

**6. Appointment of committee chairs:** the Board approved the appointment of the chairpersons and deputy chairpersons as recommended:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Deputy Chairperson</i>
Equipment	Odd Gustavsen	Federico Lineros
Media	Arne Madsen	Manfred Schillings
Nominations	Chan Foong Keong	Abdullah Al Mulla
Rules	Rudolph Sporrer	Philip Males
Sports Science	Jean-François Kahn	Yutaka Tsuji
Technical	Graeme Ireland	Georgios Seliniotakis
URC	Albert Rooijmans	Cindy Leung
Veterans	Jens-Erik Linde	Reto Bazzi
Junior Commission	Tony Yue	Patrick Gillmann
Para Table Tennis Division	Øivind Eriksen	Nico Verspeelt
Women's Working Group	Hajera Kajee	Christina Chee

**7. Propositions and Resolutions (document J1):** the Board considered the propositions 6 to 24 requiring a simple majority and resolved as follows:

6	<p><b>Proposed by the PTT Division</b></p> <p>To amend the relevant clauses of chapter 3 and 4 to add "Paralympic" where "Olympic" appears.</p>	<b>Passed</b>
7	<p><b>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</b></p> <p>To amend and restructure 3.2.4:</p> <p>3.2.4 Racket Control</p> <p>3.2.4.2.4 Rackets that do not pass the <b>compulsory</b> racket control test before the match cannot be used in the above listed competitions; in the case where rackets do not pass a random <b>compulsory</b> racket control test after the match, the offending player will be liable to penalties as implemented at the 2010 World Championships.</p> <p><b>3.2.4.3 Should a player fail any compulsory racket control test for the fourth time in a period of four years, the player may complete the event, but subsequently the Executive Committee will suspend the offending player for 12 months.</b></p> <p><b>3.2.4.3.1 The ITTF shall inform the suspended player in writing of such suspension.</b></p> <p><b>3.2.4.3.2 The suspended player may appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport within 21 days of the receiving the letter of suspension; should such an appeal be submitted, the player's suspension will remain in force.</b></p> <p><b>3.2.4.4 The ITTF shall maintain a register of all racket control failures.</b></p> <p>3.2.4.5 A properly ventilated area shall be provided for the attachment of</p>	<b>Passed</b> Subject to adding that sanctions will not be imposed for voluntary tests

	<p>racket coverings to rackets, and liquid adhesives shall not be used anywhere else at the playing venue.</p>	
8	<p><b>Proposed by the JPN TT Association</b> To amend 3.4.2.2:</p> <p>3.4.2.2 The racket covering shall be used as it has been authorised by the ITTF without any physical, chemical or other treatment, changing or modifying playing properties, friction, outlook, colour, structure, surface, etc.; <b>in particular, no additives shall be used.</b></p>	<b>Passed</b>
9	<p><b>Proposed by the JPN TT Association</b> To amend 3.2.4.2:</p> <p>3.2.4.2 The racket control centre shall test rackets, according to the policy and procedure established by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Equipment committee, to ensure that rackets abide by all ITTF regulations including, but not limited to, racket covering thickness, flatness and presence of harmful volatile substances; <b>players shall not disturb the racket control function, they shall co-operate; for the testing of the racket covering thickness, players shall provide an open area on each side of the racket of more than 1cm<sup>2</sup> which is left uncovered with any material or coating nearest the handle of the blade for the completion of the procedures provided by the ITTF.</b></p>	<b>Defeated</b>
10	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b> To amend 3.2.5.7:</p> <p>3.2.5.7 There may be 1 temporary advertisement on each half of each side of the tabletop and 1 on each end, clearly separated from any permanent advertisements and each contained within a total length of 60cm; they shall not be for other table tennis equipment suppliers <b>and there shall be no manufacturer's or supplier's logo or advertisement on the undercarriage of the table.</b></p>	<b>Passed</b>
11	<p><b>Proposed by the FIN TT Association</b> To remove 3.3.3.5.1 and insert this paragraph as new 3.7.7.5:</p> <p><del>3.3.3.5.1 The name of the team captain, playing or non-playing, shall be designated beforehand to the umpire.</del> <b>3.7.7.5 The name of the team captain, playing or non-playing, shall be designated beforehand to the umpire.</b></p>	<b>Passed</b>
12	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee and the Equipment Committee</b> To insert a new clause 3.4.2.3 and renumber the following clauses:</p> <p>3.4.2.3 A racket <b>shall successfully pass all parameters of the racket control tests.</b></p>	<b>Passed</b>

13	<p><b>Proposed by the PTT Division</b> To add a new paragraph 3.7.6.2.3:</p> <p>3.7.6.2 Best of 5 matches (Corbillon Cup system, 4 singles and 1 doubles) 3.7.6.2.1 A team shall consist of 2, 3 or 4 players. 3.7.6.2.2 The order of play shall be 1) A v X 2) B v Y 3) doubles 4) A v Y 5) B v X</p> <p><b>3.7.6.2.3 In Para TT events, the order of play may be as in 3.7.6.2.2 except that the doubles match may be played last.</b></p>	<p><b>Passed</b> Noting that the PTT Division would decide and announce the position of the doubles before the tournament</p>
14	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b> To rename 3.7.9 and to insert a new paragraph 3.7.9.3</p> <p><b>3.7.9 Television and Streaming</b> 3.7.9.1 An event other than World, Continental or Olympic title competitions may be broadcast by television only with the permission of the Association from whose territory the broadcast is made. 3.7.9.2 Participation in an international event presumes the consent of the Association controlling the visiting players to the televising of that event; in World, Continental or Olympic title competitions such consent is presumed for the showing anywhere of live or recorded television during the period of the event and within 1 calendar month afterwards.</p> <p><b>3.7.9.3 All streaming of ITTF events (all categories) shall be subject to compliance with the ITTF streaming certification process and a Streaming Certification Fee (SCF) shall be charged to the rights holder of the event effective 1 June 2011.</b></p>	<p><b>Passed</b></p>
15	<p><b>Proposed by the CHN TT Association</b> To amend 3.8.6</p> <p>3.8.6 <del>An Association may nominate a player under its jurisdiction (1.21)</del> <b>Only the National Association can nominate a player with its nationality</b> to enter any individual events of Open International Championships; such nomination may be indicated in results lists and ITTF publications but does not affect the eligibility of this player according to 3.8.2.</p>	<p><b>Defeated</b></p>
16	<p><b>Proposed by the USA TT Association</b> To modify 4.1.3 and to modify 4.2.3, 4.3.6 and 4.4.6 correspondingly:</p> <p>4.1.3 Eligibility 4.1.3.1 In addition to provisions of 3.8 players being eligible to represent an association other than the one they (<del>intend to represent</del>) <b>have been representing</b>, shall register with the ITTF, through this new association. 4.4.6.2 (<del>Such player shall not represent the new association before</del>) <b>Such registration representation can only start:</b> 4.4.6.2.1 3 years (<del>after the date of registration</del>), <b>from the date of his legal residency in the new association</b>, if the player is under the age of 15. 4.4.6.2.2 5 years (<del>after the date of registration</del>), <b>from the date of his legal</b></p>	<p><b>Defeated</b></p>

	<p><b>residency in the new association</b>, if the player is under the age of 18.</p> <p>4.4.6.2.3 7 years <del>(after the date of registration)</del>, <b>from the date of his legal residency in the new association</b>, if the player is under the age of 21.</p> <p>4.4.6.3 Players being 21 years of age or older will not be registered with the ITTF and will not be eligible to represent a new association at the World Team Cup.</p>	
17	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b> To amend 4.1.5.2, 4.1.5.3</p> <p>4.1.5.2 Entries <b>Information</b> shall be <del>submitted on forms distributed</del>, together with the prospectus, by the Secretariat <b>Competition Department and entries shall be submitted as required.</b></p> <p>4.1.5.3 <del>One set of these entry forms shall be returned to the Secretariat; The closing date for the receipt of these forms</del> <b>final entries</b> shall be not later than 2 calendar months before the start of the Championships.</p>	<b>Passed</b>
18	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b> To amend 4.1.6.1, 4.1.6.2</p> <p>4.1.6.1 Modified entries shall be <del>accepted by the organisers</del>, if notified by a representative of the nominating Association, at any time up to the day before the <b>first official draw at World Championships (for individual events).</b></p> <p>4.1.6.2 <del>The nominating Association may Change in the composition of a team</del> <b>may be accepted</b> by <del>notifying the organisers</del> <b>if notified by a representative of the nominating Association</b> up to the time of the Jury meeting preceding the <b>World Team Championships</b>, but in <del>no circumstances after the start of the event.</del> <b>No further changes will be accepted after this deadline.</b></p>	<b>Passed</b>
19	<p><b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b> To amend 4.1.8.1, 4.1.8.2, 4.1.8.3, 4.1.8.6</p> <p>4.1.8.1 The Jury shall consist of the <b>Chair of the</b> Technical Committee, the Chair of the <del>Ranking and Rules Committees</del>, a representative <b>the Chair</b> of the Umpires and Referees Committee, <del>the Championships Director (or his equivalent)</del>, <b>a representative of the Competition Department</b>, a representative of the organising committee and the referee; the referee shall have the right to speak but not to vote.</p> <p>4.1.8.2 If either the <b>any of the nominated</b> Chairs of the <del>Ranking Committee or the Chairman of the Rules Committee</del> is unable to attend a meeting of the Jury he may nominate to attend in his place another member of his Committee, who shall have the right to speak and to vote.</p> <p>4.1.8.3 The Chair of the Jury shall be appointed by the <del>Technical Committee</del> <b>members of the Jury.</b></p> <p>4.1.8.6 The Jury shall meet before the start of the Championships to be informed of all draw alterations requested up to that time and to decide any requests for changes in the composition of teams; any subsequent questions of draw alteration shall be decided by the <b>Chair of the</b> Technical Committee <b>in</b></p>	<b>Passed</b>

	<b>conjunction with a representative of the Competition Department</b> and the Jury shall meet again only when convened by that Committee to consider appeals against its administrative decisions or decisions of the referee.	
20	<b>Proposed by the Executive Committee</b> <i>To amend 4.1.13.1</i> 4.1.13.1 The right to televise the Championships shall be vested in the ITTF, <del>which shall receive a levy on any fees paid of US\$32,000 or 20% of the fees, whichever is the greater, unless otherwise agreed by the Executive Committee.</del>	<b>Passed</b>
21	<b>Proposed by the PTT Division</b> <i>To incorporate the necessary provisions from the current regulations of PTT in relation to PTT competitions into chapter 4.</i>	<b>Passed</b>
22	<b>Proposed by the Equipment Committee</b> <i>To modify Technical Leaflet T3, The Ball (B.3 Size conformity):</i>  The minimum diameter of every ball must be at least <del>39.50mm</del> <b>40.00mm</b> and its maximum diameter must not exceed <del>40.50 mm</del> <b>40.60mm</b> . The sample mean average diameter, i.e. the mean of the average of the maximum and minimum diameters for each ball, must be in the range <del>39.60-40.40mm</del> <b>40.00 - 40.50mm</b> . Values below <del>39.25mm</del> <b>39.70mm</b> or above 40.75mm are considered in our calculations as outliers.	<b>Passed</b> To be applied to the new ball and to come into effect after the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games
23	<b>Proposed by the CHN TT Association</b> <i>To modify Technical Leaflet T9, Racket Control (9.1):</i>  9.1 Harmful volatile solvents measurement with MiniRAE-Lite® The ITTF has banned volatile solvents from use on the racket. The limit has been decided by the ITTF Executive Committee as follows: • from September 2009 to August 2010: maximum reading of 4,0 (4,0 is accepted); • from September 2010 to August 201 <b>3</b> : maximum reading of 3,0 (3,0 is accepted); • from September 2011 <del>on</del> to August 2012: maximum reading of 2,0 <del>3,0</del> (2,0 <del>3,0</del> is accepted).	<b>Passed</b>
24	<b>Proposed by the JPN TT Association</b> <i>To modify Technical Leaflet T9, Racket Control:</i>  9.2 The final result of thickness measurement shall be calculated by the average of these four measurements. An average of <del>4.04mm</del> <b>4.00mm</b> or below should be recorded. An average above <del>4.04mm</del> <b>4.00mm</b> should be recorded and must be referred to the referee.	<b>Defeated</b>

The Board considered the Resolutions B to G requiring a simple majority and resolved as follows:

	<p><b><u>Proposed by the Junior Commission</u></b></p> <p>GLOBAL CADET CHALLENGE</p> <p>a) <u>Title name</u> The Junior Commission proposes to adopt the name of “World Cadet Challenge” again, whereby the event should remain a non-world title event and the change should not affect nor come into conflict with other rules regulating eligibility and other aspects distinctive for world title events. If necessary the items shall be included in the agenda of the Board of Directors in Rotterdam.</p> <p><b>B</b> b) <u>Training Camp budget and Increased host contribution</u> The Junior Commission recommends adding the Training Camp hospitality to the Organizers obligations, which imposes also a new financial contribution to the Organizers of the Global Cadet Challenge from 2012 on, while balancing that with increased ITTF contribution and/or reduced requirements due to separating the Junior Circuit Finals.</p> <p>c) <u>Global Cadet Challenge future model</u> The date and the format of the Global Cadet Challenge should be kept, while the Global Junior Circuit Finals should be separated and can be held in January, at least two weeks away from the World Junior Championships. This separation should start in 2012 with the support of the competition Department.</p>	<p><b>Passed</b> With a consequential change to the eligibility clauses</p> <p>Referred to the Executive Committee</p> <p>Referred to the Executive Committee</p>
<p><b>C</b></p>	<p><b><u>Proposed by the Junior Commission</u></b></p> <p>YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES</p> <p><u>Age category</u> The Junior Commission recommends to the Olympic and Paralympic Commission to try to negotiate with the International Olympic Committee to extend the age category for the Youth Olympic Games to a four year age span (15-18 or 13-16).</p>	<p><b>Passed</b></p>
<p><b>D</b></p>	<p><b><u>Proposed by the Junior Commission</u></b></p> <p>WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>a) <u>Trophies for single events</u> The Junior Commission recommends offering to all three sponsors of the World Junior Championships the same rights in terms of presentation of trophies during the Presentation Ceremony thus leveling also their marketing opportunities.</p>	<p>Referred to the Executive Committee</p>
<p><b>E</b></p>	<p><b><u>Proposed by the Executive Committee</u></b></p> <p>The Equipment Committee, Competition Department and the Marketing Department shall strictly enforce the ITTF’s advertising rule limiting the Manufacturer’s logo on the sides of the table to a maximum of 6 logos according to the approved Technical Leaflet, and a fine of \$50,000 per additional logo shall be charged to offending Manufacturers.</p>	<p><b>Passed</b></p>
<p><b>F</b></p>	<p><b><u>Proposed by the Executive Committee</u></b></p> <p>The ITTF Executive Committee and the Equipment Committee shall request from Ball Manufacturers to produce 40mm PVC balls (non-celluloid), after the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, in preparation for the total ban of celluloid production by national governments around the world, and the Equipment Committee shall adjust the Technical Leaflet in terms of description of the new material and tolerances.</p>	<p><b>Passed</b></p>



<b>G</b>	<b>Proposed by the JPN TT and the Executive Committee</b> To create a working group to investigate a new device/s to detect additives such as boosters, tuners etc.	<b>Passed</b>
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The Board considered the Resolutions X to Y requiring a simple majority and resolved as follows:

<b>X</b>	<b>Proposed by the Technical Committee</b> <b>World Team Championships Playing System</b> 1. Allow a 5 <sup>th</sup> Division if there are sufficient teams to justify an extra Division; 2. For the top 2 Divisions separation in the knockout phase will be unchanged but for Divisions below the top 2 an extra level of separation will occur 3. Reduce the number of teams guaranteed a position based on the previous WTC from 18 to 14.	<b>Passed</b> <b>Passed</b> <b>Defeated</b>
<b>Y</b>	<b>Proposed by the Junior Commission</b> <b>World Junior Championships Playing System</b> <b><u>Team event playing system:</u></b> a) Progressive K.O. system playing for all positions except bronze medal b) Teams seeded No.1-8 drawn directly in the last 16 c) Two rounds played before reaching the quarterfinals d) Losers of the first two rounds will play progressive K.O. system for positions 9-20 e) Number of team matches will be 43 compared to 61 in 2010 in Bratislava <b><u>Individual playing system:</u></b> a) Top 16 players directly seeded to the main draw of 64 b) Rest of the players drawn in 16 groups of 3 and 8 groups of 4 in qualification to achieve having a full draw of 64 players in the first round.	<b>Passed</b> <b>Passed</b>

**8. World Junior Championships:** the Board noted the presentations and updates from the following:

- 8.1 World Junior Championships 2011 (Bahrain)
- 8.2 World Junior Championships 2012 (South Africa)
- 8.3 World Junior Championships 2013 (India)
- 8.4 World Junior Championships 2014

The Board noted that deadline for applications for the World Junior Championships 2014 had been extended to 31 July 2011.

The Board resolved to allocate the World Junior Championships in 2013 to the Table Tennis Federation of India.

**9. Global Junior Programme:** the Board noted the presentation on progress in this programme.

**10. World Title events and Pro Tour:** the Board noted that:

- The Tournament of Champions had not been held due to marketing reasons and so a second Volkswagen Cup had been organised instead.



- The marketing rights for the Pro Tour had been allocated by TMS to Total Sports Asia for 2011 and 2012

**11. Updates of technical leaflets:** the Board agreed to consider the amendments proposed for technical leaflet T1.

The Board approved the amendments proposed to:

- 11.1 T1 tables.
- 11.2 T3 balls.
- 11.3 T4 racket coverings.
- 11.4 T9 racket control function.
- 11.5 T13 anti-doping.

The Board approved the deletion of the following technical leaflets:

- a) T5 clothing.
- b) T8 world championships draw.
- c) T10 eligibility Olympic Games.
- d) T11 administration at the World Championships.
- e) T12 group competition.
- f) T14 score.
- g) T15 facilities world title.
- h) T16 flooring (re-numbered T6).
- i) Leaflet 1 ITTF administration at the World Championships.

**12. Personal honorary membership:** the Board ratified the appointment of Andre Damman as a personal honorary member.

**13. Vacancies on the Board of Directors:** the Board noted that the LATTU vacancy would be considered at the next meeting.

**14. Next meeting:** the Board noted that the next meeting would be held in Dortmund, Germany, on 29 March 2012.

**15. Ratification of the work done by the committees, commissions and working groups:** the Board ratified the work done by the committees, commissions and working groups since the last Board meeting.

**16. Any other business:** the Board noted:

- 16.1 World Team Cup 2010: the brief report on the 2010 edition and the proposal for another World Team Cup to be held in 2012.
- 16.2 ITTF Hopes: this would be held in Vienna in June 2011.
- 16.3 Peace and Sport Cup: the invitation to this event to be held in Qatar in November 2011.

**17. Adjournment:** there being no further business, the meeting ended at 14h30.

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Adham Sharara  
President

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Date

### ROLL CALL

<b>Executive Committee</b>	Adham Sharara	
	Yang Shu'an	Apology
	Khalil Al Mohannadi	
	Chérif Hajem	
	Neil Harwood	
	Koji Kimura	
	Melecio Rivera	
	Petra Sörling	Apology
	Thomas Weikert	
<b>Continental presidents</b>		
Africa	Khaled El-Salhy	
Asia	Cai Zhenhua	
Europe	Stefano Bosi	
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North America	Michael Cavanaugh	
Oceania	Patrick Gillman	
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Africa	Berthe Bakhary	
	Ebo Bartels	
	Henri Djombo	Apology
	Khaled El-Salhy	
	Ganief Fataar	
	Thomas Kiggundu	
	Olabanhi Oladapo	
	Phillipe Hao Thyn Voon	Apology
Asia	Khalid Al Mawlawi	Apology
	Thana Chaiprasit	
	Michel de Chadarevian	
	Park Do Cheon	
	Shahrokh Shahnazi	
	Mohammad Sibtain	
	Tony Yue	
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	Radivoj Hudetz	
	Zdenko Kriz	
	Dorte Kronsell	
	Alexander Murdoch	
	Cristinel Romanescu	
	Walter Rönmark	
	Eberhard Schöler	
	Gérard Velten	
Latin America	Alaor Azevedo	
	Sergio Blanco	
	Aubrey Edwards	Apology
	Carlos Marin	
North America	Bruce Burton	
Oceania	Anthony Ho	
	Graeme Ireland	
	James Morris	Apology
<b>Committee chairpersons</b>		
Athletes'	Claude Bergeret	
Calendar	Khaled El-Salhy	
Equipment	Odd Gustavsen	
Junior	Tony Yue	
Media	Arne Madsen	
Nominations	Chan Foong Keong	

Para TT	Øivind Eriksen	
Rules	Rudi Sporrer	
Sports science	Jean-François Kahn	
Technical	Graeme Ireland	
URC	Albert Rooijmans	
Veterans	Chan Foong Keong	
Women's	Hajera Kajee	

<b>President's Advisory Council</b>	Nils Bergstrom	Apology
	Colin Clemett	
	André Damman	
	Hans Giesecke	
	Han Sang Kook	
	J Rufford Harrison	Apology
	Misha Kapetanic	Apology
	Jane Pinto	
	TD Ranga Ramanujan	
	George Segun	
	Xu Yinsheng	Apology
	Henry Yue	Apology

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	Etsuko Enami	
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